

Are We Stumbling?

As I was studying this part of the Book of Mormon, I did what Nephi suggested and likened the scriptures to myself and others.

13)Behold, my brethren, he that prophesieth, let him prophesy to the understanding of men; for the Spirit speaketh the truth and lieth not. Wherefore, it speaketh of things as they really are, and of things as they really will be; wherefore, these things are manifested unto us plainly, for the salvation of our souls. But behold, we are not witnesses alone in these things; for God also spake them unto prophets of old.

14)But behold, the ~~Jews were~~ (Gentiles are) a stiffnecked people; and they despised the words of plainness (Book of Mormon?)..., and sought for things that they could not understand (D&C, PoGP). Wherefore, because of their blindness, which blindness came by looking beyond the mark, they must needs fall; for God hath taken away his plainness from them, and delivered unto them many things which they cannot understand, because they desired it. And because they desired it GOD HATH DONE IT, that they may stumble. -Jacob 4

It helped me understand the workings of God somewhat better.